PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY.

Anything Noble From Nature. "For the stability and righteousness of our government we are accustomed to think we must pin our faith on the country people who live near to na-ture's heart, "writes Mrs. Lyman Ab-bott in The Ladies' Home Journal, the first of a series of "Penceful Valley" papers, which picture life in an ideal rural community. "But how many of them, " she says, "seem to have learned anything noble from her? Her beauty does not refine them, her honesty does not incite them to thoroughness, her free handedness does not inspire them to generosity-they become narrow and sordid in the midst of grandeur and liberality. They imagine there can be nothing in life but work or play, toil or rest, and they feel a contempt for those who play and rest. They have never learned to mingle work and play, toil and rest in doe proportion, and they they abandon work altogether. Like the tired woman who wrote, her own epicaph, they fancy heaven a place where they can 'do nothing forever and ever.'

"This view of life makes loafers in the village as it makes them in the cities. When a different spirit has found room to grow, a new order of living prevails. Life becomes something more than a slow grinding of the mill, more than a burden, to be endured only because it cannot be at will laid down. It becomes a luxnry as well as a necessity. Individuals combine, not for their own advantage, but to multiply benefactions, and as strength increases by its right use, the attainment of one worthy and ambitious advantage is only the suggestion and achievement of an-

LACK ORIGINALITY.

Why Many Criminals Are Easily Brought

"One reason why detectives appear to do something miraculous occasionally is that there is after all very little originality in criminals," said one of Chief Hazen's sleuthhounds recently. "When a man sets out to get money and evolves a new plan. On the contrary, he evidently thinks of the smart cases he has heard of at different times,

best and copies the plan adopted very "Hence, when the detective sets out, he has, in many instances, quite a string of precedents to take as guides to the course the criminal will probably

makes up his mind which suits him

"One case, years ago, that helped me immensely in the business, was a forgery. The man had disappeared and left no clew whatever behind. "I obtained access to his room and

found that he had developed a partiality for cutting scraps from newpapers. There was a whole drawerful of these, and I went through them carefully. "Several had relation to forgery cases, and one cutting that appeared to be pretty badly fingered described how a forger had got away in woman's at-

"I worked on the theory that my bird had flown in this manner and followed it up until I finally got on the track and captured the criminal.
"The capture was regarded as a very

remarkable one, but, as a matter of fact, the runaway had left for me an exceedingly valuable clew. If he had taken the precaution to burn that cutting, he might have escaped capture altogether."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

"How" Used For "That."

Dr. Holmes wrote half a century ago, "Don't, let me beg of you-don't say 'how' for 'what,' " and "Please don't say 'how' for 'that' " is the wail of the sensitive reader of today. If an American, he is likely to ascribe the reigning fancy for the sin to Mr, Howells, who has taken to it with his usual ferocity, possibly because long practice on his own signature makes the adverb easier for him to write than the conjunction. Lately the word has begun to infest the writings of English politicians, possibly as a result of association with the Irish members of parliament, for "he said how he was going" is a literal translation of the Gaelic equivalent of "he said that he was going." But the worst instance of its use appears in a letter written by the Hon. Auberon Herbert to the editor of the London News, and, misusing the word 16 times in 40 lines, Connemara's self could do no more. - New York Times.

A Human Bloodhound. In Abyssinia they have a very pictur-esque fashion of identifying thieves. Montegna," made during the fifteenth There is an official nominated for the century. Another pack of cards recently purpose in each district. Upon receiv- sold at Paris for almost \$400. Each of ing information of a robbery he gives the cards in this pack is a master work his confidential servant a dose of certain of the engraver's art, and all the figherbs, afterward a pipe of tobacco.

due course he begins to rave and to represented Queen Anne of England, crawl about on hands and knees. Then the king of hearts being her husband, the thief catcher puts a rope about his Prince George of Denmark. The queen loins, and on all fours he perambulates of diamonds was Queen Anne Sophia of the neighborhood, sniffing like a hound, Denmark, the queen of clubs the then enters a house at last and goes to sleep crown princess of Prussia, the wife of

same thing.

The Small Unwashed. The Lapp baby belongs to the class of the small unwashed. When its mother | Henri Meilhac to ask his advice as to is in a particularly neat frame of mind, how to become a dramatic author. "It she daubs fat on it, and that is all the is a difficult career, and the trade is not bathing that the youngster is likely to easy," wrote back Meilhac. "Above get, as it outgrows fondling and fat all, it needs success. Yes, success is dubbing in time.

A Massachusetts soldier was the first to lose a leg in the civil war. He endas that the complexions of the natives listed April 30, 1861, and 20 days later are the finest in the world. This seems his leg was crushed by the fall of a to be a clever advertisement of the Berstack of his own company's muskets in minda onion, of which 17,000,000 the capitol rotunds at Washington. Educate Your Bowels With Cuscarets. Candy Cathartic, care constipation forever, 19c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

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STORY OF A WAR SONG.

The Man Who Composed the Music for "We Are Coming, Father Abraham." The man who composed the music for Whittier's song, "We Are Coming, Father Abraham, Three Hundred Thourand Strong," is an old and somewhat decrepit piano tuner, who carries on his business near Windom, Minn. His

pame is A. B. Irving. One day soon after Lincoln's call for 800,000 more men, Irving, then a young man, was on his way to Defiance, O., from Fort Wayne for the purpose of ringing at a political and loyal meeting He had considerable reputation as a composer and singer and the Republic- Dues. ans had asked him to come and help them. On the way he read the poem, which had just been published. Irving it and got the rhythm, and that evening at the Deflance meeting he sang the song for the first time. When he had finished, and the last echoes had died away, men mounted their chairs Rebate, with wild enthusiasm, swung their hats and broke loose in cheers that rang with feeling. He sang it again and again, and they would scarcely let him

Fort Wayne, and again aroused the same enthusiasm. He wrote out the music and sent it to the publisher who had handled what he had composed, Fines Due, with instructions to publish it on his Tax Account, usual terms of royalty. It was publish. ed, and inside of a month more than 40,000 copies had been sold In a few days the publisher failed and Irving never received a dollar for the music.-

CLOSED THE ROOM.

Does the Chost of Washington Still Stalk Through the Old Mansion?

It was customary in the family of George Washington to that up unused for two years a room in which death had occurred, says an exchange So, after the death of the first president in the stately chamber with the great four poster bed which is still shown to visitors, Martha Washington, with her lonely heart, nightly climbed the attic stairs room with one window-a room intolerably hot in summer, with little or no means of securing a draft except by a triangular opening where the lower corner of the door had been cut off to make room for the passage of the cat Martha Washington died before the two year

If she had occupied the death chamber, would she have seen the ghost of her dead husband? They say that the stalwart, stately figure of the brave be \$5,031.32. general stalks through the passage with martial tread and clauk of astral sword

Again and again it has happened that people detained at Mount Veruon on the siness of the Mount Vernon association have declared, on "waking from a sleepless night," that they had heard the ghost's sword and stride and seen its tall, commanding figure, dressed in the old uniform that in life it wore. No lights are permitted in the old house, for fear of fire, except during the

or ill lighted houses. Most Wonderful Cave In the World. The most wonderful cave in the world is in the island of Tonga, in the

meeting of the regents, and then only

candles. Ghosts are said to love dark

south Pacific. Byron called it "a chapel of the seas." It is formed in a rock that is almost surrounded by the ocean. This rock is about 60 feet high and broad Many years ago a boy, the son of native chief, was chasing a huge turtle, when his game seemed to sink into the

the tide fell, disclosing a small opening in the rock about six feet under low Diving boldly, the young hunter entered the aperture, and, to his surprise, came to the surface inside the rock. The rock was hollow, and its interior was plored it with torches, to contain many

rock. The lad watched and waited until

When attacked and followed by enemies, the natives, who know the secret, leave their canoes, plunge into the water and disappear. Their foes linger, astonished at their disappearance, for no person not acquainted with it would suspect that the rock was hollow.—London Telegraph.

Costly Playing Cards. A pack of cards was recently sold at a London stationer's for \$600. It was one of the handsomest Italian copperures in the game were historical por-The man drinks and then smokes. In traits. The queen of hearts, for instance, upon the floor. That is legal evidence Frederick William I, and the queen of of the owner's guilt.

He has to pay the value of the stolen goods or to "square" the thief catcher, of cards represent the most prominent

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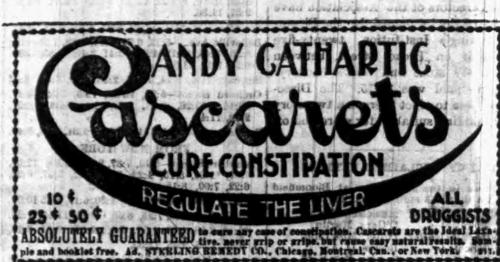
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Edison's First Invention. In early life Edison secured a position as a night operator at a little way sta-tion near by. There was practically nothing to be done during the night, as no trains ever stopped at the little siding, but it was necessary to keep an op-erator on duty there in case of emer-

Edison soon chafed under this inac through the weary bours until daylight without having sent or received a sin-gle message except the perfunctory sig-nal—the letter "B"—which all opera-tors were required to send over the wire every half hour as a proof that they were on duty and at their posts. Finally the future "wizard" began some electrical experiments to while away the time. Within a few days he had arranged a switchboard contrivance on the clock which every 80 minutes released an automatic attachment that telegraphed the signal "B" and the

After that life was too easy for the young operator. He would go on duty early in the evening, and after having the train dispatcher would turn on the switch and go to sleep on a cot in the sear of the office. Throughout the night the clock would report the station "on duty" regularly every half hour.

This device worked like a charm, No one knows how long it might have remained in use were it not for the fact that in an evil moment the young inconfidence. The latter attempted to construct an automatic machine and failed. It succeeded, however, in tangling matters so badly that an investigation was set on root, which resulted in retiri young Edison to private life for several years. - Chicago Times-Herald.

land some years ago, I was not a little surprised to hear every one in a room shout, "God bless you," when any person sneezed, and the "God bless you" was repeated for every sneeze. I have since learned that this salutation has an origin going back to the sixth century, when the black plague fell upon Rome. Its victims showed the first symptoms by sneezing. When the African king of Menomopata sneezes, all those near his person send up a great shout, all within hearing take it up, so that the Jon sneeze may be said to go echoing through the kingdom. One would think the subjects would soon get hoarse if their sovereign chanced to have an old Office: 7 Broad St., near Bloomfied Ave. fashioned New England hay fever, When the king of Senaar sneeses, his courtiers turn their backs on him and give a loud slap on their right thigh. There is a great deal of character in the George Washington could not be dig-nified when he felt a sneeze coming on and was in doubts whether it would fessed that a good speeze is more pleasurable than otherwise. — New York

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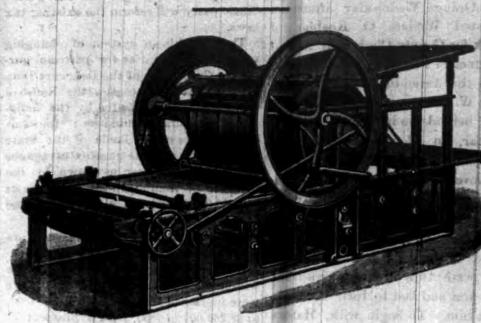
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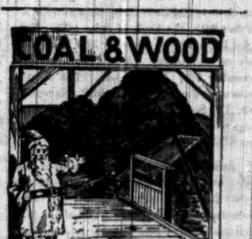
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